



## Investment

*I gave to God a lagging soul,  
Fast losing in the fight.  
He gave it back, with chart and goal,  
To climb the steeps of light.*

*I gave to God a downcast eye,  
Contented with the clay  
He gave it back fixed on the sky  
And glory of the day.*

*I gave to God a bitter hour,  
A heart that brimmed with pain,  
He filled them both with peace and  
power,  
And gave them back again.*

*I gave to God a life that fell  
Short of its visioned crest.  
He gave it back, restored, and well,  
And girded for the best.*

# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Lowest Record for Giving

According to the Golden Rule Foundation, which quotes from official reports of the Department of Commerce, our gifts to "religious bodies" in proportion to income are now less than at any time in history.

During 1944 we spent:  
\$86,700,000,000 on war.  
40,000,000,000 on taxes.  
40,000,000,000 savings and luxuries.  
10,000,000,000 on jewelry, furs, gambling and other luxuries.  
7,100,000,000 on alcoholic beverages.  
5,500,000,000 on movies and recreation.  
2,700,000,000 on cigarettes and tobacco.  
2,200,000,000 on cosmetics and personal care.  
1,600,000,000 on churches and all charities such as Red Cross, war relief, community chests, etc.  
910,000,000 Churches, church charities and missions alone—about 1% of the amount we spent on war!

## Babies Neglected by Drinking Mothers

The *Christian Advocate* says, "The pastor of the Methodist Church in a city of 6,000 people was called over the phone by a physician, and asked to be present in the doctor's office that afternoon. The physician gave the pastor a seat by the window, with instructions to watch the tavern across the street.

"At that moment the minister took up his station there were two or three baby buggies parked on the sidewalk outside the tavern, and in the course of the next twenty minutes the number grew to ten! The tavern was the meeting place for a group of mothers of the town, and for the hour or more that they spent there drinking, the babies slept or cried in their carriages outside on the street."

We are in a sad plight when women substitute the local tavern for the Ladies

Aid or Missionary Society! How depraved is the soul of a mother who can put booze before baby!

## No Peace to the Wicked

Wrote Arthur Brisbane, the famous columnist, a generation ago; "We may sweep the world clean of militarism. We may scrub the earth white of autocracy. We may carpet it with democracy, and drape it with the flags of republicanism. We may hang on the walls the thrilling pictures of freedom—here the signing of America's independence, there the thrilling portrait of Joan of Arc, yonder the Magna Charta, and on this side the inspiring picture of Garibaldi.

"We may spend effort and energy to make the world Paradise itself, where the lion of capitalism can lie down with the proletariat lamb. But if we turn into that splendid room mankind with the same old heart, 'deceitful' and 'desperately wicked,' we may expect to clean house again not many days hence. What we need is a peace conference with the Prince of peace."

## Industrial Chaplains

More and more gospel services are being held regularly in industrial plants, some by factory workers and some by industrial chaplains who are employed for that purpose. The list of plants includes, among many others: R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., N. J. Stoker Corp., Quaker Stretcher Co., Fulton Mfg. Co., Ford Motor Co., Jack & Heintz, Inc., Essex Rubber Co., John E. Mitchell Co., Neptune Shipping, Inc., Arma Corp., Severance Tool Industries, Inc., and Doehler Die Casting Co. To help promote this good work a Commission for Industrial Chaplaincies has been organized within the National Association of Evangelicals. Brother Rollin Severance, one of our Assembly of God men, has been appointed Secretary.

## Women Buying Most Cigarettes

Women are buying 69 per cent of the nation's civilian cigarette supply. This is the finding of a survey con-

ducted by New York cigarette manufacturers. The survey was made to find out who is smoking the nation's 329,000,000,000 "home front" cigarettes. Some authorities believe that women not only buy most, but smoke most, of the cigarettes.

The moral stamina of American women is weaker today than any time in our history. Smoking is a filthy habit that no Christian—especially Christian women—should indulge in. We are commanded not to defile our bodies, for they are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

## Montgomery Stands True to His Convictions

AP—Celebrating their victory the three top Allied commanders met at Frankfurt-on-Main, June 10, and two of them lifted glasses in a toast to their triumph in Europe. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Georgi K. Zhukov drank to victory, but Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery of Great Britain, who is an abstainer, participated in the celebration in his own way. (Montgomery refused to drink, and General Eisenhower had to explain to Zhukov that Montgomery is a teetotaler.)

Even at the possible cost of an international misunderstanding, Marshal Montgomery stayed true to his principles! We admire a character like that!

## GLAD TIDINGS

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JEHOVAH told Pharaoh he would put a difference between the two classes of people in Egypt—the Egyptians and the Israelites. He puts a difference between the two classes of people in the world today—the believers and the unbelievers. God makes a great difference—children of light, children of darkness; heaven and hell; the narrow road to life, the broad way to destruction. Men want to tint the white until it is gray, until one hardly knows which is white and which is black, but God calls black *black* and white *white*. In which class are you?

Exodus is a very special Book. Behind the literal story there is a spiritual meaning for us. The Israelites were in a literal bondage in Egypt; we are in a spiritual bondage. They were delivered by a literal lamb; we are delivered by Jesus, the Lamb of God. All these things happened to them for types. The history of Israel has been recorded because of its lessons to the people of God today. A literal Jew is only typical of the spiritual Jew. Circumcision in God's sight is not that of the flesh but that of the spirit. I believe that in this story of the Exodus there are important lessons for you and me.

The word *Exodus* means "a way out." The Book of Exodus shows how to get out of bondage into liberty. Note the difference between the opening of the Book and the end. It begins with groans and ends with God's cloud of glory. There is a way out—God's way out, by the blood of the Lamb. Through faith in Christ's name we can break the iron bars and cut the fetters that bind us.

#### A Difference in Door Posts

Jehovah warned that the death angel would stop at certain houses and pass over certain others. The mighty distinguishing mark was the blood. God said that if the Israelites would kill a lamb and sprinkle its blood on the lintels and door posts they would be spared in the time of judgment. The blood was not sprinkled upon the threshold where it could be walked upon, however. The greatest, most damnable crime that men can commit is to trample the blood beneath their feet.

The Israelites sprinkled the blood on their door posts and were spared. No doubt the refined Egyptians passed by and saw, but it was revolting to their cultured minds and senses; the blood idea was not worthy of their superior intellect! But they felt the blow as God's awful judgment fell!

## Divine Differences

by T. J. JONES



*"And I will put a division between My people and thy people"* (Exodus 8:23).

*"The Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel"* (Exodus 11:7).

The Israelites were not better morally than the Egyptians. The difference was that they believed God and hid behind the death of the lamb. The Egyptians had finer houses. Some of them even were very religious. And yet, when morning came, there was not a house of the Egyptians where there was not one dead, while the Israelites were safe behind the blood. We cannot be saved by wealth, nor by morals, nor even by being religious. The only way is to believe that because the stroke of judgment has fallen on the Sinless One, the guilty may hide themselves in Him. We must hide behind the death of Christ.

It wasn't *shed* blood, but *sprinkled* blood, that saved the Israelites. Many people believe that Christ died—even the devils believe that. But when you believe He died for *you*, and that because you have repented and asked Him to forgive your sins His blood shelters you from the punishment you deserve, then you sprinkle the blood on your "door posts."

The all-important question is, where are you going to put Jesus? Where have you put Him? Where are you putting the blood? Jehovah still makes a difference between the person who sprinkles the blood on his door post and the one who does not.

#### A Difference in Demeanor

Jehovah made a distinction in demeanor, or conduct, also. From the very day the Israelites sprinkled the blood they commenced on a new calendar.

They commenced dating time from that day. It was a new beginning. It dated their history in God. Have you made a new start? Did you start on the straight and narrow way that night you were saved? Your sins were forgiven and forgotten. Have you left them behind, or have you carried some of them over into your Christian life? Are you digging up the old things? Why do we organize searching parties to dig up old sins? God has removed them from us as far as the east is from the west.

#### A Difference in Dress

"And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, and your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover" (Exodus 12:11). God made a difference in their dress. From the time they sprinkled the blood they were to consider themselves a pilgrim people. They were finished with Egypt. God put shoes on their feet that they might walk the heavenly road. I believe that as surely as God saves us He will give us the necessary shoe leather to make the journey.

Put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the new nature. It wouldn't hurt some of us to be finished with many of the things we have been doing. Not only should there be an inward difference in blood-sprinkled people, but there should be a difference in their outward appearance also. When a Christian dresses immodestly, people have a right to criticise.

#### A Difference in Diet

From that Passover night the Israelites had new food to eat. In Egypt they had eaten onions, garlic, cucumbers. All that is typical of the fact that before the redeeming blood they lived on earthly things. When they were delivered there was a difference in their diet—roast lamb and unleavened bread. Eating speaks of communion. Christ is the Lamb. He who has saved us gives Himself for us to live by. Let us feast upon Him, appropriating His strength for our journey day by day.

There was a difference in what they drank, too. In Egypt they had a very poor water supply. They depended upon the inundation of the Nile for irrigation. When God delivered the Israelites He gave them fresh sparkling water to drink. Moses hit the rock and cracked it in two. Water came from the rock and followed them. Sometimes it was hid-

den below the sand, but they prayed and water sprang up. It was there all the time. We are given to drink of living water, the Holy Spirit. Jesus said: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." It is better to get soaked with God's blessing in Israel than to perspire in Egypt!

#### A Difference in Dialect

They spoke a purer language. When they left Egypt they dropped the Egyptian words that had become mixed with their language. Have you dropped your worldly speech?

The Israelites had a new song, too. Miriam began to sing it, a glad song of deliverance. I believe God has given us a new song to sing, even of praise unto our God and our Redeemer. It is far better than the jazz of "Egypt."

#### A Difference in Directors

There was a difference in leadership. Instead of being governed by a wicked tyrant, they had a godly leader and godly examples to follow. And God gave the cloud and the fire to lead them. We need not be in darkness. We too can be led by the cloud of God's glory and the pillar of the Spirit's fire. And God wants us to fashion our lives after Christ, our great Deliverer. "In time past ye walked according to the course of this world," wrote Paul; but in another place he says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

#### A Difference in Destiny

The destiny of the Egyptians was far different from that of the Israelites. What happened to the Egyptians? They were smitten with death. But God's people went across the sea and on to God's city, Jerusalem. God's born-again, blood-bought men and women are going to God's city, the eternal city that lies four-square. What does it matter if there be a few rough roads through the desert? It will seem as nothing when we get to the end of the way—when we shall arrive at God's eternal city and God shall wipe away all tears.

The Egyptians perished in the Red Sea, but the children of Israel moved on. Good-bye, Egypt, we are through with you! Good-bye, Egyptians! We have something infinitely better than anything you can offer! May the differences that God puts between His people and those of the world always be seen in our lives.—*Redemption Tidings*.

# Souls or Statistics

by J. J. KRIMMER

There is a disease from which many need to be delivered; namely, that a preacher's ability can be estimated by the size of his crowd. Every generation is blessed with those who are gifted to lead the throng. More power to them! But some streams have

more fish than others; so why conclude that the struggling fellow with a meager audience is of lesser caliber.

It may be he is at fault. It would be well for him to check up and take an internal inventory. Then, after a careful searching, if he is blameless he need not follow the path that Elijah trod to the juniper.

I recall a time when we were engaged in a revival at a wide spot in the road. I became very discouraged—no crowds, no results, very poor accommodations. One day I trudged wearily down the streets bemoaning conditions and shedding tears of self-pity, telling God I wasn't being treated right. Looking up to see what street I was on, I read—*Juniper Street*. I thought of Elijah; that was enough! Then and there I determined to look for souls and not for statistics.

Often we laud a well-attended preacher to the skies, remarking, "That man really preaches the gospel," the inference being that the small-time brother does not.

That is poor reasoning. Remember, there are with us still, people having itching ears, who heap to themselves ear-ticklers, after their whims. And many a fellow who preaches a far-cry from the gospel has overflow crowds.

We measure men from the chin up; God measures from the heart up. "*Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*"

I have a friend ministering in a rugged locality. For well over a dozen years this man of ability has been struggling there. Yet, his crowds are small, few have been added. To me, like King Saul of old, "he is shoulders and upward greater than many."

There are many faithful pastors min-

istering to pitifully small flocks, who are as consecrated to God, and sometimes more so, than some of the headliners. Often they labor far more diligently than their more fortunate brethren.

Even as all of us cannot enjoy the privilege of being reared in the country—some must suffer the disadvantages of city-life; so all of us cannot be favored with a thrilling ministry out in the "sticks." Think of all the rustic experiences the Boulevard Brethren miss.

Consider what Alexander Whyte wrote concerning the true minister:

"He may have, he usually has, but few people, as people go in our day, and the better the preacher, sometimes, the smaller the flock. It was so in our Master's case. The multitude followed after the loaves but they fled from the feeding doctrines till He first tasted that dejection and that sense of defeat which so many of His best servants are fed on in this world. Still, as our Lord did not tune His pulpit to the taste of the loungers of Galilee, no more will a minister worth the name do anything else but press deeper and deeper into the depths of truth and life, till, as was the case with his Master, his followers, though few, will be all the more worth having."

In this day of high-speed aircraft, high-powered autos, high-test gasoline and high-pressure salesmanship, we clamor for high-sounding statistics. We are so accustomed to mass production and large figures that we ignore the small things.

It is true, Christ draws; but the rebellious sinner resists. How often we plead with the unsaved, tears coursing down our cheeks, to consider his eternal destiny—only to be mocked and pushed aside.

"The Son of God trod this road. He had crowds at the beginning, but the closer He came to the cross, the thinner His crowd. And, perhaps, the closer we come to the cross and all it means, the fewer the people—but the better they are."

Let God's servant watch for souls and not for statistics. God keeps the books!

Obstacles are those frightful things we see when we get our eyes off the goal.

# STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

## Study XI

### A PRAYER GOD HEARD AND ANSWERED Chapter 9:1-19

A study of the prayers of the Bible is one of the most interesting and profitable of studies. Among distinguished intercessors it should be noted that Daniel is regarded as belonging to the first rank. See Ezekiel 14:14, 20.

Verses 1-3 are introductory. Note: (1) The time. "The first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldees." This Darius was the Cyrus who was at the head of the army at the time Babylon was taken. He was the son of the "Darius the Median" of chapter 5, verse 31, or, in other words, of the Ahasuerus who married Esther, and who assumed the title of Darius. Note what was read in 6:28. Cyrus succeeded his father, and assumed the title of Darius; and here, in order to distinguish him from the first Darius that took the throne after Babylon fell, we are told he was the son of Ahasuerus. Read Ezra 1:1, 2. Mark that it was "in the first year of Cyrus" that the king made his proclamation. As a result of this prayer that Daniel prayed "the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus" to do this. His mother, Esther, was probably still living. (2) The occasion. "I Daniel understood by books the number of years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." Read Jeremiah 29:10. (3) The preparation. "I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer, and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." Fasting here stands for self-denial, sackcloth for contrition, and ashes for self-effacement or self-obliteration.

#### I. To Whom the Prayer was Addressed.

Verse 4. There are four of the divine titles here in this verse: "And I prayed unto Jehovah my Elohim, and made my confession, and said, O Adonahy, the great and dreadful El, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments." The word rendered "dreadful" here is rendered "awful" in the Jewish Version, and also by Moffat. Dr. Gor-

don renders it "revered."

#### II. Daniel's Confession of the Nation's Sins.

Verses 5-10. Notice the fact that Daniel coupled his confession with an expression of faith in the compassionate character of God as that character has been revealed, or, made known, by God Himself in His inspired Word. Note also how Daniel identified himself with his people. He regarded himself as guilty with them. If we would identify ourselves with the people for whom we pray it is likely that the results would be more satisfactory. The Scripture says, "Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body" (Heb. 13:3), and by "the body" may be meant the church which is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:23). Read 1 Corinthians 12:26, 27. In connection with the confession Daniel made, the student should read 2 Chronicles 36:15-21. On account of Israel's sin the nation had gone into captivity and Jerusalem had been laid waste. The seventy years the prophet had prophesied of were now coming to a close, and Daniel betook himself to prayer on behalf of his people. He was an old man, and had spent nearly his entire life as a captive in a foreign land, but he loved the land of his fathers, and longed for the restoration of Jerusalem and the reestablishment of the chosen people in the land of promise.

#### III. The Prophet's Recognition of the Just Judgments of God.

Verses 11-14. Read Leviticus 26:14-39; also Deuteronomy 28:47-51. Undoubtedly Daniel was familiar with these portions of Scripture, and he must have been acquainted also with 1 Kings 8:46-51. The student should carefully consider these portions of the Word.

#### IV. A Reminder of a Marvelous Deliverance Wrought in the Past.

Verse 15. The thought of the intercessor went back to that never-to-be-forgotten day when Jehovah made bare His mighty arm, and delivered His people out of bondage in the land of Egypt. The deliverance of Israel out of Egypt was the measure of God's power in the Old Testament, as the resurrection of our Lord from the dead is the measure of His power in the New Testament.

See Ephesians 1:19-21. Mark Daniel's faith as expressed in the words, "as at this day." He counted the forgiveness of the people he was praying for as already granted, and the deliverance he was pleading for as already accomplished. This is the way to get results. Our Lord said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24), and John wrote, "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

#### V. A Plea Based Upon Jehovah's Righteousness.

Verse 16. The righteousness of Jehovah is in evidence in—

1. His approval of that which is good. He always approves that which is good. It matters not what the opinion of man concerning a matter may be, if it has not the approval of God, that fact is sufficient proof that it is not good. All that is good in the moral realm, and in the spiritual realm, God puts His stamp of approval upon. In fact it may be safely asserted that all that is good proceeds from Him, either directly or indirectly.

2. His disapproval of that which is evil. His disapproval of all that which is evil is just as emphatic as is His approval of all that is good. It matters not what the character of the evil is, or what the degree of the evil may be, God disapproves of it. And His disapproval of evil is as great an evidence of His righteousness as is His approval of good. And in so far as His children are righteous they are like Him in this respect.

3. His wrath which is upon the sinner. His wrath is righteous wrath. His righteousness requires that He hate sin and that His wrath burn toward the sinner. His judgments have been in the earth in days gone by, and they are in the earth today. He has dealt, and is dealing, not only with individuals, but with nations. His righteousness requires that they be dealt with. Justice is one of the elements of righteousness. The more perfect the righteousness the more rigorous and unbending the justice must be. This explains the fact that God found it necessary, in order that man might be forgiven, and ultimately admitted to heaven, to send His Son into

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News from . . .

# Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

**CENTRAL VALLEY**—A very successful revival was conducted recently by Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers of Kansas City, Missouri. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit, and the revival spirit is continuing. Joe H. Harper is pastor.

**CORNING**—Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers held a good two-weeks meeting for Pastor Stanley Walsh in June. The church has recently became affiliated with the General Council.

**DELHI**—Bruce York held a very good revival campaign for Pastor A. Harold Persing in July, beginning right after camp meeting.

**FALLON**—Brother J. J. Krimmer has resigned as pastor of the church there. Brother S. H. Robertson is the new pastor.

**FRUITLAND**—Brother and Sister Harold E. Whitmarsh of Modesto have accepted the call to the work of the Lord there.

**GALT**—Lillian A. Hamilton from the Rocky Mountain District is the pastor there.

**GARBERVILLE**—Brother George McNutt has taken over the work in that community.

**GRIDLEY**—Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers began a three-weeks meeting with Pastor Wm. T. Scott on July 15.

**HAPPY CAMP**—Pastor E. W. Knutson has resigned to accept the call to the Lincoln Assembly.

**KERMAN**—Brother Harold Byram has resigned the pastorate and had his farewell service on June 24.

**LAS VEGAS, NEV.** — Brother Charles Green from the South Idaho District is the new pastor, successor to H. E. Rhodes.

**LINCOLN**—Brother E. W. Knutson, who has been at Happy Camp for some time, has been selected the new pastor to succeed Sisters Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw who are entering the evangelistic field.

**MENLO PARK** — Brother George A. Fletcher is the new pastor of the assembly there, succeeding Brother A. J. Princic who is returning to Oregon.

**MONTAGUE**—Wm. Lucas, graduate of S.C.B.C. has taken over the work there.

**OAKDALE** — Brother and Sister M. S. Thompson are the new pastors, successors to Brother A. F. Gomes whose resignation became effective the latter part of June.

**OAKLAND (Bethel)**—Evangelist and Mrs. George Simonsen began a three-weeks meeting for Pastor R. H. Moon on July 16, the night of the Eastbay section C.A. rally which was held there.

**OAKLAND (First Church)**—Evangelists Paul and Violet Pipkin began a Youth Crusade there July 15. The Lord's blessings have been upon the meetings, and souls made their way to the altar for salvation. C. F. Ferguson is pastor.

**RICHMOND**—Brother H. D. Byram supplied for Pastor C. E. Persing while he was away for three weeks in July.

**SACRAMENTO (Bethel)** — Bethel Temple had as special speakers Brother and Sister John Kennedy from Africa on Sunday, July 15, and Brother David Nyien, a 22-year-old Chinese former Major who served with General Stilwell. Brother Nyien was present and spoke at three services.

Ruth and Irene Hanson of Minneapolis conducted a two-weeks Daily Vacation Bible School which had an enrollment of 160. A Sunday school picnic was held at the close of the school, and on the last Friday night the Bible school presented a very interesting program. Much good work has been done in the hearts and lives of the children.

On July 16, Bethel Temple began a daily radio program over KCRA, Sacramento's new NBC station, 1340 kc. The program, called "The Bible Counsellor," is on the air Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**SAN JOSE (Upper Room Mission)**—The week of July 15 to 22 was observed as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministry of Brother and Sister Max Freimark as pastors of the assembly. Starting the work there many years ago, Brother and Sister Freimark have seen the hand of the Lord move on many lives, saving, healing, filling, and establishing in the faith, many of the fellowship, a good number of whom are now in the ministry spreading the full gospel message. Friends, ministers, and former members were present to share in the anniversary observance with the congregation. Among the special speakers each night were W. T. Gaston and R. J. Thurmond.

**SEBASTOPOL**—Brother J. L. Jeffrey from Arizona, is the new pastor.

**SONOMA**—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there July 16 with Pastor Wesley J. Griggs.

**SOLEDAD** — The revival meetings held there by Evangelist M. T. Draper in July were blessed of the Lord in the salvation of souls and blessing and filling of hungry hearts with the Holy Spirit. Thomas Simms is the pastor.

**STIRLING CITY** — Evangelists Thomas G. Jackson and Edwin J. Holmes began a meeting with Pastor Glenn Akers shortly after camp meeting.

**SUMMIT CITY**—The work in the community has been closed. Sister Grosscup went to Happy Camp to hold special meetings.

**TULELAKE**—Brother Glenn Ayers, from Elkton, Oregon, is the new pastor, successor to George M. Kasprian.

**WATERFORD**—Johnny McCollouch and Harry York of G.T.B.I. held meetings for Pastor Mary E. Moore, July 27 to 29.

**WOODLAND**—H. D. Byram was called to be the new pastor there. He will assume his duties on August 12. Sisters Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman supplied the pulpit during June and July.

## Personal Mention

Brother EMIL LASSEGUES was a welcome visitor in the District recently. He spent a few days at the camp meeting before returning to his work in Montreal, Canada, where he is pastor and a teacher in the French Canadian school.

Brother WALTER SMITH recently closed a very successful meeting in Clearwater, Florida. From there he went to Tampa for a campaign.

Pastor C. F. FERGUSON of Oakland left July 23 for a tour through the Middle West in the interest of service men's work.

Sister DOROTHY R. DODGE is to leave soon for North India where she will be a teacher in the school for missionaries children.

## New Arrival

A nine pound son, Kenneth Michael, arrived at the home of his happy parents, Brother and Sister K. E. Jillson, of Riverbank, July 10.

## Pentecost in France

Captain Frank W. Smith, one of our Assemblies of God Chaplains in the army, writes from France: "I had a most pleasant experience yesterday. I visited the French Pentecostal Church at Marseilles. They say they represent the Assemblies of God in France. I was surprised to learn that out of more than one million Protestants over here, some three hundred thousand are Pentecostal." This estimate would seem to us to be too high, but we do thank God for the way in which He has poured out His Spirit in France. Signs and wonders have been done in the name of Jesus, and famished hearts have been opened to receive the Word of Life.

# Foreign Missions

## • India

Sister Inez Kreiss has left for New York City, expecting to sail for India, to resume her work in Hindustan, as soon as travel conditions will permit.

Brother and Sister Oliver L. Foth, according to the last word received from them, are in New York City awaiting passage to India. They are going to Bangalore, South India, to begin their work in a foreign land.

## • Fiji Islands

Brother and Sister Heetebry report the continued blessing of the Lord upon their work in Suva. They would like very much to obtain any excess Sunday school literature and other Christian literature that our assemblies may be able to send them. They can use *Primary Picture Cards*, *Gospel Gleaners*, *Pentecostal Boys and Girls*, *C.A. Heralds*, and *Evangels*. Those who can help out in this need, please contact Sister R. J. Thurmond.

## • Brazil

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson write of the continuing progress of the work in Brazil. They also welcomed into their family little Phillip, born March 28, weighing ten and a half pounds. They write:

"We are also happy to let you know that the Lord has answered prayer in sending us one more evangelist . . . working for the Lord in Alfenas. The work is growing and many sinners have come to the foot of the cross and found salvation . . . Returned from Paraguassu yesterday. Had wonderful meetings. The new church is filled with believers and those who are interested in the gospel. . . . Now the rainy season is over; so we are back on the street corners every Sunday having meetings in different parts of town. These meetings give good results. Many have come to the church and found Christ as their Savior because of the street meetings." They write of having a number of baptismal services scheduled in various communities as new converts wish to follow their Lord in this ordinance.

## • West Africa

From Bawku, Northern Territories, Gold Coast, Brother and Sister H. S. Lehmann write of their arriving at their new station inland where there "had been no missionary, aside from a poorly

prepared native evangelist, for over three years." They were very warmly welcomed by those who had prayed so long for a missionary to be sent to them.

The letter continues, in part: "This section of Africa does not have the heavy timber, scrub, jungles, swamps, and streams as are found in the southern part along, and back from, the coast line for perhaps two or three hundred miles. It is a beautiful rolling country that seems to have no end, with distant trees just close enough to give it the appearance of all virgin country . . . yet one can see on following the trails . . . all the land is farmed, as this ground scratching is called. . . . We recently visited the Busanga people whose wives do all the tilling of the soil. They have much land; so of necessity must have many wives. . . .

"In November and December . . . the Hurmutan winds blow very cold off the Sahara Desert, and being dry, cause the lips and face to crack and become very sore. . . . During these winds, often times up until ten o'clock the sun will appear as a big red ball because of the desert dust. But at that, the northern territories are the healthier in which to live.

"The people in the northern territories are more simple and open than those down nearer the coast. Their great drawback, they cannot read. Do pray that we may soon learn the language of this district. We find it is going to be harder than we first anticipated, although David and Gretchen already know many of the words and phrases.

"Recently we made a visit to a Busanga Compound where . . . several brothers and their wives and a host of children had accepted Christ under the persuasion of the Holy Ghost through the preaching of our dear Bewine, a boy with no training, but with an experience that drives him from his farm to witness for Christ. . . . With everyone present we exhorted through an interpreter. . . . One of the brothers had not known of this definite decision for Christ; however, was willing that all gods should go except one stone which they had all held in high esteem. . . . set up when their father had died, and they had called it their father and had worshiped it and made regular sacrifices upon it. . . . How

the devil struggled to hold to just one point! Bewine waxed eloquent . . . A Christian neighbor told them how he had had many more gods than they and he had destroyed all of his and God had blessed him. We gave them Jesus' words, 'God is God of the living and not God of the dead.' The brother entered in joyfully, the leading brother carried out the earthen pots in which were 'medicines,' gourds, and idols, gods of wood and stone. These were covered with blood and feathers as a testimony to their faithfulness to them for years . . . heaped them up in a cornfield outside the compound . . . making a huge pile . . . and picking up the principal stone (the father), bashed every pot, gourd and mud idol, and throwing the stone in the midst, set fire to the whole. Never has 'There is Power in the Blood' meant so much to us. How they sang it—yes, and how we sang it. . . . We knelt to pray, and believe me, heaven was very near. How they did praise God. Although the natives never weep, we could not withhold our tears of joy . . .

"How nice it would be if we could be transported some way quickly for a little visit at the camp meeting and then back to our home, as this really is our home now. We thank you, one and all for your prayers which we know are following us day by day, and ask that you continue to pray that we may be faithful and profitable to Him in the field He has placed us."

## • Peru

Sister Ruth Couchman continues on in her very active ministry in South America. The following excerpts are from a letter which was a long time in reaching the editorial desk after leaving her hand.

"Shortly after our return home from Caras, (an 18-hour trip into the Andes to a regional conference where services were held in both Spanish and Quechua, an Indian dialect), the fourth annual Workers' Conference for Peru was held at the Bible School. It was a very good one with some splendid reports showing definite growth in the work. There were close to 50 native workers, delegates, and missionaries present, besides many Peruvian Christians from the local assemblies. Realizing the growth of the work and its need of further supervision, the field was divided into five sections with a native presbyter in each to oversee and stimulate the work in his district. The native

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# Missions at Camp

by MRS. R. J. THURMOND

More than 20 missionaries representing China, North, South, East, and West Africa, South America, India, and the Islands of the Sea attended the first week of camp meeting, many of them speaking at the morning services. Brother David Nyien, a native Chinese ex-major in the Army of China and now studying to be a Gospel Messenger to his own land, at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., was an inspiration and blessing to all. His sincere consecration and burden for his native land makes him truly a "burning bush," or as the Scripture puts it, "My minister shall be a flaming fire." One morning while Sister Emma Daechert was telling of the work in Manchuria, many young people came weeping to the prayer room from the Victory Circle where a "teen agers" meeting was held. It was almost impossible to hear the speaker above the prayers for a few minutes until the loud speakers were set going. The missionaries continued while the young people enjoyed a time of refreshing and reconsecration. It was reported that 10 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that evening.

Brother Harvey Wagner did a splendid work arranging the programs each morning and introducing the speakers. Students from the Chinese language school of the University of California, preparing to return to China just as soon as war conditions permit, who attended camp included: Miss Ruth Melching and Miss Emma Daechert from Manchuria; Miss Sarah Johnston who was interned for some time and suffered much from her experiences; Mrs. Mary Lewer who spent many years near the Tibetan border, continuing on in missionary work with her two young daughters after her husband lost his life in one of the swirling, rushing rivers of China; Miss Annie Bailie, Miss Irene Larson and the Hildebrand Sisters, dubbed "The Twins," entertained the Juniors in D.V.B.S. with interesting accounts of their work.

Many old friends and new greeted Brother and Sister Derrick Hillary, and daughter Gwendolyn, from North India; Brother and Sister John H. Kennedy, Esther, Frances and John Jr., from Sierra Leone, Africa; also Brother J. W. Nilsen from Africa. Brother John Ken-

nedy still sings and plays the trumpet as always and "Sister Daisy" told how the natives had to help push "Ma" up the hill to church until a car arrived from America. India was presented in a vivid, living way by Brother Hillary, and Sister Hillary's flannel map with all the stations of North India placed in bright colors with interesting incidents about each, will not be forgotten by those who saw it.

Other missionary guests were Sister Inez Kreiss, who is soon to return to India; Brother and Sister Herman Winkleman from Samoa; Brother Luther Perkins from Peru; Sister Ruth Eckberg, Christian Missionary Alliance worker from India, and Miss Ann Brill from the Chinese Language School who is a prospective missionary to China.

Miss Dorothy Dodge surprised her friends by announcing that she will be leaving soon for India to be a teacher to the missionaries' children; also Mrs. Carolyn Slattery, and daughter, Ella, will be going to Africa in the early fall to be a teacher to the missionaries' children there.

On Friday morning, June 28, the missionaries came to the platform in costume and were introduced by Brother Harvey Wagner. Miss Inez Kreiss represented India; Brother Luther Perkins represented South America; Mrs. Daisy Kennedy spoke for Africa; and Brother David Nyien represented China. Choruses were sung in native tongue by groups from China and India and the old chorus to the tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung:

"Bringing in Chinese, bringing Africans,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing Indians.

"Bringing Eskimos, bringing Japanese,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

A missionary offering totaling \$4,122.39 included pledges to the district office of \$1,001.50, pledges to be paid through local churches \$2,626.00, and cash offering of \$494.89, again proving that the Northern California and Nevada District is definitely a missionary district.

(Mrs. Thurmond was in charge of missionary activities on the campground during the entire camp meeting.)

## W. M. C. Report

The "Nien Hui" (yearly meeting) was a real success inspirationally, spiritually, and numerically. The Women's Misionary Council was hostess to more than 20 missionaries representing Manchuria, South China, the Tibetan border, the coast of China, Peru, North India, Africa, and the Isles of the Sea.

The "Treasure Chests" sent in from Napa, Santa Rosa, Colusa, Fruitland, San Francisco, Ukiah, Vallejo, layettes from Las Vegas, Nevada, and Bethel Church, Oakland, and many other articles were all lovely in quality and abundant in quantity. Though some groups did not have displays, reports of their activities were given. A good work has been done by the women throughout the District during the past year.

Home Missionary speakers included the following: Miss Gertrude Riecke of Weitchpec, Miss Grace Badder and Mrs. Ella Beare of Upper Lake where a new work is going forward, and Miss Blossom Gregorian of Rio Vista, who is also doing a good work. Foreign Missionary speakers were: Mrs. Harvey Wagner and Mrs. Mary Lewer from China, Mrs. Derrick Hillary from India, and Mrs. Daisy Kennedy from Africa. Mrs. Vochell of the Glad Tidings Temple W.M.C. in San Francisco gave an interesting account of their activities at the Victory Service Center in Oakland among the servicemen. One service was dedicated to prayer for servicemen.

Between 15 and 20 boxes of new and used things were given out, besides twenty-one comforters. Offerings amounting to \$80 were received. This included a special offering of \$20 for a student pastor, \$15 for the Servicemen's Department, flowers, and gifts to home missionaries.

Mrs. C. E. Lebeck told how the Yuba City Group divides the W.M.C. offering into three parts, one third being spent for local church needs, one third for home missions, and one third for foreign missions. New quilt pieces can still be obtained from Miss Grace Badder, Box 156, Upper Lake, California, without cost, except for postage. Miss Badder may not be able to supply these very long; so if any groups wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, they should do so right away.

Clean, mended used clothing can be sent for distribution to the Philippine Is-  
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## Camp Meeting by the Superintendent

*"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" (Psalm 84:1).*

Two weeks of camp life, and some of us who stayed the entire time left with a rather firm conviction that two weeks is long enough for any camp meeting. Yet with a peculiar reluctance we moved away from the place that had proved to be another Bethel. No doubt many were saying to themselves what Jacob said of another campground, "Surely God was in this place."

There was only one short session of the District Council. It was necessary to ratify the election by the subdistricts of the District Presbyters, and to elect two General Presbyters. With this done other essential business was committed to committees. The rules from Washington respecting conventions of any kind are still in effect, though there has been some modification of the rule respecting camps. It was thought by a majority of the brethren that we would not err by conforming as nearly as possible with these government edicts, though some were quite displeased with this decision.

There was a beautiful spirit throughout the entire camp, remarkably free from any resemblance to carnal bickering, petty strife, or caustic criticism. I, personally, was reminded of the song of long ago, "Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity." All the services were characterized by deep sincerity and reality, and the social life of the camp was on a high spiritual plane. For these abundant mercies, we should not fail to render sincere praise to God.

There was a real spirit of prayer in the camp. This was not shared by all, but it was quite general. Especially at times, the prayer spirit was gripping. What would the Lord have done for us and with us had we all let go to prevailing prayer after the manner of Peter and John and "their own company" in Acts 4? Perhaps the Lord is not through

shaking places. Let us continue to praise God for the showers of blessing that came again and again upon those who were hungry enough to wait for Him. Scores were filled with the blessed Holy Spirit and untold numbers were drawn so close to the heart of the Great Shepherd that life for them will ever be on a higher plane.

Brother Arne Vick, in his own unique way, brought out of his treasure things new and old. His message at the close of the day never failed to bring us something to think and pray about. Brother Leland R. Keys' morning messages were rich with the blessing of God. And if space would allow, I should like to mention by name all the faithful brethren who ministered to us out of their good hearts during the camp, also the many missionaries who took part in four grand missionary services. Sister Thurmond and Brother Wagner collaborated in arranging the very fine missionary program.

As I bring to a close this little dissertation about the camp meeting that is now history, may I start you thinking about the one we expect to have in 1946 if the Lord tarry. No doubt we will be much better prepared to accommodate the people and, too, there is every prospect that hampering restrictions will be lifted or greatly modified. Let me assure you now that the leadership of the District will do everything possible to prepare for the greatest camp ever.

**Schedule of  
Fellowship Meetings**  
August 6—Rio Dell, Tracy, Westwood  
13—Ft. Bragg, Grass Valley,  
San Francisco (Bethel)  
20—Patterson  
27—Santa Cruz  
Sept. 3—Janesville

And now may I plant a little seed of faith in your hearts—faith for the greatest outpouring of grace and power in the history of Full Gospel evangelism on the West Coast, a visitation that will eclipse anything our old-timers have ever told us about. Why not? Spiritual grace is not rationed. Of course we should not wait for the camp season, but get the fires kindled all over the District, and then about the latter part of June, we will bring them all together for the great conflagration.

Here is something else to think about. For years it has been in the minds of some to change the time of our District Council session to the midwinter convention, or some other date, so that the camp meeting would not be cluttered up with routine business. No doubt this matter will come up at the next District Council session. Please give it your prayerful consideration. I give you this so long in advance in order that sentiment may crystalize, and the element of surprise be absent when the question is finally brought up for consideration.

## Transferred INTO the District—

A. Harold Persing from the Oregon District, (Ordained).  
J. L. Jeffrey from the Arizona District, (Ordained).  
J. C. Medley, from Southern California District, (Ordained).

Chaplain Donald Lehmann is enjoying a 30-day furlough at his home in Oakland. He has just returned from Europe, having served with Patton's Army. He expects to be assigned to the Pacific area.

Let none hear you idly say

There is nothing I can do.  
While the souls of men are dying  
And the Master calls for you,  
Gladly take the task He gives you  
Let His work your pleasure be  
Answer quickly when He calleth  
"Here am I, send me, send me."

Some people have too much religion to be happy at a dance, but too little to be happy at a prayer meeting.

## Servicemen's Work

by V. A. SANDERSON

One Saturday night we went to a Youth Rally held in Vallejo, California, with Pastor T. J. Custock and a group of young people from the camp meeting. After a fine service, we started back to the camp singing as we went. On the way we picked up a sailor boy, and we started to sing again. Before he got out, we had preached the Word of God to this Catholic boy, prayed with him, and he had accepted Christ as His Saviour. There was great rejoicing in the car over a soul won for Christ, and the young people began telling others how wonderful it is to witness for Christ and to see immediate results.

Another way of witnessing to our youth in uniform is to call on those who are leaving our waterfront on Liberty ships. I visited one the other day and found a boy named Ray on guard duty. He was one of the gunners on the rear of the ship. He showed me a flag pole that had been knocked down by a Jap plane. Six suicide planes that tried to get their ship had been shot down. He was back helping to work the rear guns when three Jap planes came for them. "We sent up a barrage which separated the planes, and they went away," said Ray, "And I got busy and prayed for two hours, and they never returned." I questioned him as to a personal knowledge of Christ as his Savior, an experience which he said he never had. Before I left the ship, Ray made a decision for Christ.

Boys who have returned from the battlefields, boys who have lost their eyesight, were visited in Dibble Hospital. It was my pleasure to read the Bible and our paper *Reveille* to them, and to pray with them before I left.

Truly the fields are white unto harvest, and God is letting us reap during these days of war. The field ministry, and the Victory Service Center and Christian Home in Oakland are seeing boys saved and encouraged to win others as they resume their duties in various parts of the world. Continue to pray for the great spiritual need among our armed forces, and send in your offerings to R. J. Thurmond that we may keep this ministry going.

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Those that are cheerful in doing good, God will make cheerful in enjoying good.—*Matthew Henry*.

## Daniel

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the world to die for sinners. God could not possibly have continued to be just, and at the same time have justified the sinner, apart from such a sacrifice. Paul affirmed concerning Jesus Christ that God "hath set Him forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare *His righteousness* for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: to declare, I say, at this time *His righteousness*: that He might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus" (Romans 3:25, 26).

4. His mercy toward the penitent believer. As perfect justice in the character of God is essential in order that God may be the possessor of perfect righteousness, perfect mercy is also necessary, for both justice and mercy are essential elements of perfection. In Psalm 89:14, justice, judgment, mercy and truth, are all linked together in a delineation of the character of Jehovah: "Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face."

### VI. An Earnest Entreaty for God's Desolate Sanctuary and for the City Called by Jehovah's Name.

Verses 17, 18. Jehovah is here addressed as "our God"; Daniel speaks of himself as Jehovah's "Servant"; he prays, "Cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake." Mark the fact that he calls the sanctuary that is desolate Jehovah's sanctuary, and that he prays that Jehovah's face may shine upon it, not for his own sake, nor for the sake of Israel, but "for the Lord's sake." When the face of God is turned toward us we have light, and when it is turned away from us we walk in darkness. Read Exodus 14: 19, 20. Mark the fact that as Daniel proceeds with his prayer his intense earnestness seems to increase, to become more intensified. We read concerning our Lord that, on the night of His agony in the Garden, "He prayed more earnestly" (Luke 22:44), and it appears that as Daniel, in the spirit of faith and holy boldness, crept up closer to the throne of grace, he too "prayed more earnestly." In verse 17 he says "O our God," and in verse 18, "O my God." He pleads with God to both hear and see, and while he asks that Jehovah "behold our desolations," he immediately adds, "and the city which is called by Thy name." He

then proceeds to base his appeal upon the character of Jehovah as a God of mercy: "We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness" (the word rendered "righteousness" means "righteous acts," and is so rendered by Dr. Young), "but for Thy great mercies," or, "great compassions," as in the Jewish Version.

### VII. A Heartfelt Supplication that for Jehovah's Sake the Deliverance Sought After Might Not Be Delayed.

Verse 19. Mark how the prayer warrior sums up his entire prayer in this closing sentence. Notice these seven things:

1. Hear. He has already asked that God hear; this is a repetition, but not a *vain* repetition (Matt. 6:7). If we are sure we are praying in the will of God we should persist in our petitions until we have the assurance that they are being granted.

2. Forgive. Sin had been confessed. Forgiveness was now sought. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9).

3. Hearken. The word so rendered is *kahshav*, and it means not only to hearken but to heed. In the Jewish Version, and by both Young and Gordon, it is rendered "attend." It is the word that is rendered "shall hearken" in Isaiah 32:3 where we read, "And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken." This prophecy will be fulfilled when "a King shall reign in righteousness," when the will of the Lord shall be done in the earth, and God's "people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places"; in other words, during the millennium.

4. Do. By Rotherham the word is here rendered, "perform," by Gordon it is rendered, "act," and by Moffatt, "take action." Daniel knew that nothing would take place unless indeed the Lord proceeded to "take action"; he also knew that if the Lord would "act" there would be results. When Jehovah proceeds to "take action" forces are set in motion that all the powers of earth and hell are not able to successfully resist.

5. Defer not. It was a petition that the time of action be not delayed or postponed.

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# Christ's Ambassadors

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## Speed the Light

To send forth the gospel in the most effective way possible, the C.A.'s are bending their efforts to supply missionaries with transportation equipment adequate to the needs of the various fields.

Our C.A.'s, at their last convention, received an offering of \$865.00 to apply on the purchase of a new Ford car for Past President Oliver L. Foth who is on his way to South India. This amount needs to be supplemented somewhat, and all C.A. groups who are interested should send their Speed-the-Light offerings to Secretary-Treasurer W. P. Steelberg, P.O. Box 441, Nevada City, California.

Following is the Foths' reply to the news about the car. It is written from the Mizpah Missionary Home in New York City.



Brother and Sister O. L. Foth  
Louanne and Dickie

Dear Christ's Ambassadors of Northern California and Nevada:

"Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

"We can't begin to tell you the thrill we received yesterday morning when a telegram from Brother Carrington came telling us that you had made it possible, through your most generous offering of \$865 given at the C.A. convention and other gifts to be given by the various local C.A. groups, for us to take a car to South India to aid us in 'Speeding the Light' in that heathen land. Our hearts are so full of praise to our blessed Lord for His goodness to us in this provision, and we want you to know that we appreciate this kindness of yours from the

bottom of our hearts. All we can say is, 'May the God of all grace bless you and your good C.A. officers abundantly.'

"We had hoped to take a car with us, but it was necessary to leave for the field so suddenly, that by the time other necessary things were provided for, it didn't seem that we would be able to purchase a car. In spite of the fact that we have been told repeatedly in the past few weeks by those who have been on the field, that we would need a car badly, we had practically dismissed the thought from our minds. But our Lord, Who knows the end from the beginning, knew our need and He made a glorious provision for it. This is one of those times when He answered before we scarcely had asked, and when He did exceedingly abundantly above all

we could ask or think.

"Our sailing for India has been a bit delayed, but even this, we are sure, has been in God's plan, and even though we are very anxious to 'get going,' we are willing to bide His time. We hope now to sail sometime during the month of August.

"Just as soon as possible we hope to get some pictures of the 'Speed-the-Light' car for South India, and we will send them to Brother Carrington for the GLAD TIDINGS, so that you can see how you have provided for the gospel to be carried forth in that land.

"Do remember us in your prayers as the Holy Spirit brings us to your remembrance. We can assure you that we will be lifting you up to the throne of grace in prayer.

"In Calvary's bonds,"

Brother and Sister Oliver L. Foth.

## Annual Report of the C.A. President

The first nine months of full-time activity with the Christ's Ambassadors of the Northern California and Nevada District have passed, and looking back we say, "Thus far hath the Lord helped us." It was with some hesitancy and misgiving that the last annual convention put the president in full-time activity, but, after having completed these months of service we are able to see the very definite advantage of such a move. We can report glorious victory for the forward steps taken this past year.

A month and a half after the annual convention, your president went to the National Youth Conference at Springfield, Missouri. At the conference were twenty-six presidents and C.A. officials who banded together for discussion of plans and exchange of programs and ideas, all of which was exceedingly profitable. At the conference your president, together with the Texas and Minnesota presidents, Edward Robinson and Arvid Kingsriter, was appointed to formulate a National C.A. Constitution. This we did. This constitution provides for the nomination of a National President by

the various C.A. leaders in session, the nominees then to be voted upon by the General Presbyters. For the full accomplishment of this plan, the constitution must first be endorsed by the General Presbyters and then accepted by the General Council in session. It is hoped that this forward move may soon be consummated.

Your president has preached an average of five times a week, traveled approximately 18,000 miles, preached in virtually every section of the District, at rallies, churches, local meetings, special gatherings and the like. I have taken part in six conventions, and continued a rather heavy correspondence in the aid of our District youth work.

It is with gladness that we note the remarkable way in which our various local groups have rallied to aid in the new program of our District. Whereas last year the office expense receipts were \$236.32, the receipts for the same purpose this year are \$1,963.43, an increase of over 800 per cent. We wish to thank all of our local chapters who have contributed so well and magnanimously to

the financial success of our new program.

There is still much that could be accomplished if finances were increased. It is hoped, therefore, that all who are not now aiding will see their privilege and responsibility along this line.

The rallies of this past year have taken a noticeable uptrend; they are definitely larger and more designed for youth. This is to be commended and our fine, capable sectional leaders are to be congratulated for their vision and ability in this endeavor.

Across our country the Youth for Christ groups have spontaneously mushroomed, and we are happy to say that the Christ's Ambassadors have been quick to see the tremendous possibilities in such efforts. Some of our assemblies now have their own Saturday night rallies, others are contemplating them, and still others have combined forces with other church groups. One Sectional Chairman, Tom Custock, is the mainspring behind the fast-growing Youth for Christ Rally in Vallejo with a Saturday night average attendance of 500. It is constantly growing, and it is believed that in the near future their present location will be inadequate to accommodate the crowds. It is our desire that our local leaders and pastors catch the vision that *now* is the time for effective work among the youth, and if we will but dare to do something for God, despite the quakings of our own hearts, we will see a revival break forth that all the frigid water of the enemy will not be able to quench.

For a number of years it has been hoped that we might have a definite summer program for the C.A.'s. To this end, through prayer and the leading of the Lord, we have secured two fine summer camps. The first is to be at Mt. Hermon, July 22-28, and the other at beautiful Zephyr Point at Lake Tahoe. These two camps have the earmarks of becoming a mighty spiritual blessing to our young people. Let us all avail ourselves of the opportunity to attend one of them.

We wish to express our appreciation for the counsel and foresight of our District Superintendent. Surely he is and has been interested in all the activities of the C.A.'s and it has given us much pleasure that many times he has spoken at our rallies. Brother Thurmond, Brother Renfroe, and Brother Scott have

been great aids to us in the mapping out of our program. Always have they displayed wisdom and sympathetic understanding. We wish to express our appreciation for the effective preaching of our vice-president Paul Pipkin at rallies and special meetings.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Wesley P. Steelberg, has done an excellent job with duties assigned him. His responsibility has been increased proportionately with the increase in finances. He is to be commended for the fine and efficient way he has carried on his work.

It is our prayer that our C.A.'s may ever enlarge their vision. "Say not ye there remaineth yet four months and then cometh the harvest. . . . Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

May His smile be ever upon you.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT CARRINGTON.

The C. A. Counsellors for the ensuing year are:

C. E. Persing, R. J. Renfroe, W. T. Scott, C. O. Wood.

We face a humanity that is too precious to neglect.

We know a remedy for the ills of the world too wonderful to withhold.

We have a Christ who is too glorious to hide.

We have an adventure that is to thrilling to miss.—G. P. Howard.

### Just Suppose

If all that we say  
In a single day,  
With never a word left out  
Were printed each night  
In clear black and white,  
Twould prove queer reading, no doubt.  
And then just suppose  
Ere one's eyes he could close  
He must read the day's record through  
Then wouldn't one sigh,  
And wouldn't he try  
A great deal less talking to do?  
And I more than half think  
That many a kink  
Would be smoother in life's tangled  
thread,  
If one-half that we say  
In a single day  
Were left forever unsaid.

### Foreign Missions

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ministry is developing, and new groups are springing up in many places. In the past few months several new halls have been opened in the Lima area, making a total of 15 or more places of worship in this center, most of which are under the supervision of Bible School graduates. This means that souls are being saved, praise the Lord! Quite a number have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, also. At the close of the conference, a water baptismal service was held at a beautiful little lagune not far from the School grounds, and 34 were baptized in water. This was the second baptismal service held in the Lima area this year. At the first one . . . 65 were baptized, bringing the number to date . . . almost to 100.

"The last service of the Conference was a significant one as five of our faithful ministers were ordained to the ministry, and several more received license to preach. Thank God for each of these, and for those who shall follow them; for still the fields are white unto harvest and the laborers all too few. . . .

"We are going through a time of difficult persecution at the hands of our enemies at present, especially as the growth of our work becomes evident. Each new hall opened means a real battle, as the zealous adherents of Rome come with sticks and stones to break up the meetings and to injure the believers. At our newest hall we have had to appeal for police protection, and each Sunday now there are ten or a dozen mounted police standing guard. Several of the believers have been injured, but they faithfully return to show the spirit of Christ to their adversaries. Of course souls are being saved as the people observe the Christlike conduct of the Christians and hear the gospel in its purity and power. Will you pray that the Lord will give victory in these battles (which are spiritual) and liberty for the preaching of the gospel, so desperately needed in this 'other America.'"

### Face to Face With God

If you may not pray in public,  
If you cannot preach or sing,  
You can surely pray in secret,  
Face to face with Christ the King.

—R.L.W.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

By MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative

## Do You Believe in Sunday School Awards and Incentives?

Do you believe in being a Christian or in running the Christian race? Yes, why? Because it's worth it. It *pays* to serve Jesus! The reward I receive for faithfulness to Him is in the "abundantly, above all you can ask or think" measure. God's plan of awards has proved workable as well as enjoyable; therefore, I see no reason why we cannot follow the idea in our Sunday School effort.

The Sunday School plan for work with awards must be well thought through, however, before put into action, because in some cases, ideas of this kind have done as much harm, or more, than good.

Some plans make the awards only possible to those talented along certain lines; some are so complicated, misunderstandings arise from them; while others build with a boom, at such a rate that when the goal is reached everybody quits for three or four Sundays to recuperate.

One of the most usable and successful plans for Sunday School incentive, and one we gladly recommend is the "Talent Plan." Because a number of our Sunday School workers are asking about it, we are glad to tell you a little about it here. The plan is comparatively new, but up to date, ten or eleven of our Northern California Sunday Schools are using it and report its success.

### The Talent Plan

Each class taking part establishes two goals. The first is an offering goal which should be an average of a few cents per member above the present average offering.

The second is a membership goal. This should be set about three members above the present class enrollment.

A new pupil brought to class is counted as a visitor until the third Sunday, then he is counted as a new member and enrolled. A visitor or prospective member is permitted to go to work at once earning his own talent and boosting the class.

The member bringing a visitor to class earns five talents for the first and second Sunday. On the third Sunday after the visitor becomes an enrolled

member, ten talents are earned, making a total of twenty talents earned for every member enrolled. If the visitor does not become a member by continued attendance, five talents are earned instead of ten.

When a class reaches an offering goal, each enrolled member receives ten talents.

When a class reaches a membership goal, each enrolled member receives ten talents.

New goals are set whenever goals are reached.

The enrolled member of any class may earn talents according to the following scale:

Attendance .....	1 talent
On Time .....	1 talent
Bible .....	1 talent
Prepared Lesson .....	1 talent
Offering .....	1 talent
Church Attendance ...	2 talents
Scripture Memory .....	1 talent

### Supplies Needed:

A thousand or so of three colors of paper resembling currency are used, one color should have words: One Talent; another, Five Talents; and the third, Ten Talents. The idea of the talents is used to correspond with the story in Matthew 25:14-30. The story should be told as an introduction to the plan.

A supply of good books, Bibles, New Testaments, mottoes, pencils, and other materials for various ages should be purchased and put on display as soon as possible that interest may be keen at the beginning.

The expense for these materials may be made up through the increase in offerings which the plan provides.

### Talent Day:

One Sunday or more per month, may be set aside as Talent Day. Thirty or forty-five minutes before Sunday school time, an opportunity is given to as many Sunday school members, who may have saved sufficient talents to purchase the book, Bible, motto, or other objects which they have formerly selected.

The price of supplies is determined

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## Boys and Girls

We have just returned from our St. Helena Camp, where we met so many of you boys and girls once more. Unfortunately, however, some of you were unable to be there. We had a wonderful Camp. God made it that way, of course, and a number of our boys and girls were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. We are exceedingly thankful!

This year at Camp, it was our privilege to have quite a number of missionary speakers. We did enjoy them all so much! I wish I had time and space to tell you all the interesting stories they told, but that is impossible. I will tell you one, however, as it impressed me so much and I am sure it will be interesting to you.

Sister Kennedy from Africa told us this one. She said that in Africa there are many kinds of ants. Some are very small, and others very big, but there is one tribe of ants called the "Driver Ants" that even frighten an elephant. They travel in a line about three quarters of an inch wide, eating up anything that gets in their way. If they come up on a sleeping man or animal, they go right to work on it, and when they leave it is only a skeleton.

Sister Kennedy said that when one of the large boa-constrictor snakes kills a deer or some other animal for his dinner, he will let it lie before he eats it, and will go in a wide circle in search of Driver ants. He knows that if he eats his dinner he will go to sleep while his food digests, and if he is in the path of the Driver ants, he will never wake up because they will eat both him and his dinner.

An ant is small but very powerful. It made me think of how dangerous "little sins" can be, boys and girls. Even the big snake has sense enough to watch out for the ants. We surely should be on guard against the "Driver Sins" that destroy our love for Jesus. They may seem small, but they are powerful.

If you would be a Christian  
On the upward way,  
To keep Christ in and all sin out,  
These three rules obey:  
Read your Bible, be a witness,  
And don't forget to pray.

A Bible in the hand is worth two on the shelf.

## New Semester

The blessing of the Lord has been resting upon our Student Body. The closing of the last semester was accompanied by a refreshing outpouring of the Holy Spirit as a revival spirit swept among us and the searching and cleansing power of the Holy Spirit was made manifest.

There had been a hunger in the hearts of the students for more of the Lord. There was not only a desire, but action. Special prayer meetings were held, and soon the Spirit of the Lord began moving so that our chapel services lasted all morning.

As a spirit of prayer came upon the student body, there was travail of soul, and many were the spiritual battles that were fought. God worked; prayers were answered; hearts were revived. The voice of God was heard—some received calls to the foreign field, some to full-time service in the homeland.

We could sense a wonderful spirit of unity. A love welled up within our hearts for our brothers and sisters—"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Rom. 12:5).

Time slipped by quickly—the end of the semester came. Vacation! The students had eighteen days before the summer session began. Many went to their homes, while others were seen at the St. Helena and the Oregon camp meetings.

The eighteen days are gone, and the summer semester has begun. The presence of the Lord has been very real in our chapel services; the spirit of revival is still in our midst. The testimonies of the students have been an inspiration. God had blessed and used them during vacation.

Since this is mid-term there are only a few new students, but we are very glad to welcome the following new comers into our ranks:

John Wright and Joan Wright, Medford, Oregon; Alson Moser, Los Gatos; Victor Johnson, San Miguel; Roland Wessels, Berkeley; Harold Headrick, Richmond; Wanda Thompson, Vallejo; John Hunter, San Francisco; Bernice Storvold, Marin City, California.

Also, to welcome back Joyce Erickson, Richmond; and Mary Atkinson, San Francisco.

We also have a new faculty member, Brother Chelsea Melvin, from Central Bible Institute. We feel confident that God will make him a blessing to all of us in the Student Body.

## Alumnitems

The annual camp meeting at St. Helena was well-attended and proved to be a time of great blessing to all. The good messages by L. R. Keys, Arne Vick, and many others, were appreciated. The Glad Tidings Alumni were there in force. We wish that we might mention, personally, all whom we saw, but, lest we omit some, we will just say that it was very nice to see you again, and that we certainly missed those who could not be present.

Our Alumni President, Brother Ruben Wilson, called us together for a brief session on Saturday morning just prior to the C.A. business meeting. Those who were present viewed two large oil-tinted photographs of dear Brother and Sister Craig. The pictures were mounted in beautiful, gold-leaf frames, which will look nice for many years.

Brother Wilson explained that the pictures would be presented to Glad Tidings Bible Institute at the next business meeting of the Alumni Association on Graduation Day, June 21, 1946. (There will be no business meeting on the date of the Fall Graduation, October 19, 1946, since it would come too close to the last meeting on February 23, 1946. It is hoped, however, that many of the Alumni will be present at the Fall Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises).

The Alumni President also explained that the cost of the pictures was \$75.00, and that the exchequer of the treasury didn't have sufficient funds to pay the bill. Whereupon, Louis Weston, in true Weston fashion, tossed a greenback to the floor in the center of the room. This pioneer greenback was followed by a mixed multitude of coins and bills. The offering, along with others sent in by

mail, (one to the tune of \$10 by Anna-bell McKenzie) went a long way toward paying the bill. However, the final entry in the ledger is still in that disagreeable, sanguinary hue. A few more green contributions would remove the glare from the ledger page and give your officers the "go signal" in a few other minor business transactions which we should like to make. Thanks, we knew you would!

You will be interested to know that your officers are taking time to get together occasionally in order to develop plans for some definite progressive, Alumni action. So, watch this column for news items and send your suggestions and contributions—literary and monetary—to 1441 Ellis St., the address you know as well as your own. Any response to show that you are still there, and that you care, will be appreciated by . . .

Your Alumni Officers,  
RUBEN WILSON, Pres.  
PAUL PIPKIN, Vice-Pres.  
CHAS. SMITH, Secretary.

## Alumni

Brother Clyde V. Shields, Class of '41, wrote from "Somewhere in the Philippine Islands" to Brother E. C. Lagmay, also one of the Alumni, and President of the Filipino Assemblies of God. Brother Shields feels the call of the Lord upon him to be a missionary to these islands, and was very happy that as a member of the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army, he was sent to the Philippines. His letter, in part:

"Naturally all of you know how I must feel about being in your beloved 'Pearl of the Orient Seas.' The land has changed from the ravages of war, but the people remain the same with all their kindness and sincerity and longing for freedom in so many senses of the word. Seeing the Islands at their worst, with squalor and misery so prominent does not cause my heart to doubt the call I have to come here after the war and aid in any way I can . . .

"When I began this trip I asked God to let me come to the Philippines to see my brother, if possible, and to visit with as many of your people as I can. He has done that very thing for which I am glad. It is so good to believe in a God who hears and answers prayer . . . Just to see the Islands and to meet some of the people has surely stirred my heart

and given me a greater vision of the needs here . . .

"Yesterday afternoon we were finally given a pass to go on the land and see the towns on this island. It seemed like I walked many miles, but it was good exercise after being on the limited space of a ship for so many weeks. I cried in my heart when my feet finally touched Philippine soil . . . The natives are very kind to the soldiers here and they seem to be the most polite people I have ever met . . . Some of the people tried to sell me some Tube (native intoxicant), but I took out my New Testament and showed it to them, telling them that I was a Christian, and after the war I am going to return to this country to help teach in an American School on Luzon. They were thrilled to think that I would ever come and make my home in these Islands . . . Because of the high price and shortage of cloth, all the people are in rags and many of them wear old rice sacks for clothing. The wee children do not wear anything, and the women have on such rags that they are just able to cover their nakedness.

"The possibilities for wide-spread missionary work here is tremendous. If you can bring a Public Address System and lots of musical instruments and songs home with you when you come I know that you will have much success. Your crowds would be so great that it would be like convention time all year long. . . . I find it hard to wait until the army releases me, and when they do, I am coming back as soon as the way is open and devote my life to this cause. . . ."

## W. M. C.

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lands by mailing to Rev. J. M. Lucas, 246 E. Jackson Street, San Jose, California. Things for Peru and the Bible School there can be forwarded to Rev. Luther Perkins c/o 312 19th Street, Pacific Grove, California, before the first of the year.

We are looking forward to another year of activity for the work of the Lord in the Women's Missionary Council and your Secretary and Director will be glad to help if we can be of any service to you. Several have expressed a desire to organize W.M.C. groups, and others expect to reorganize in time to make up Christmas boxes for the servicemen. and for home and foreign missionaries.

—Mrs. R. J. T.

## Daniel

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6. For Thine own sake. That Daniel was interested in his people, the Jews, there can be no question; that he was interested in Jerusalem, the city he had lived in when he was a boy, and where he was probably born, we can be sure of; but he was especially zealous for the name of the God he loved.

7. For Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name. God is not only the God of Israel but Israel is the Israel of God. It appears that Daniel was asserting that the reputation of God was at stake. And it was at stake. Is it not true that God had said, "After seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place" (Jeremiah 29:10). It was imperative then that God, for the sake of His own reputation, hear and heed the appeal of His prophet.

But why was it necessary that Daniel pray, since God had promised? For the reason that this is God's ordained method by means of which He works. May we not safely reach the conclusion that often blessings Jehovah has promised to pour out are not bestowed for the reason that His people whom He has called to the ministry of intercession have failed to respond to that summons? The most of the promises of God are conditional promises.

## Sunday School

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according to the following scale:

Two talents for each cent paid for material.

Talents are not transferable. Each individual must use the talents which he himself has earned.

For further detail and information you may write after August 15 to M. H. Luce, 3324 "L" Street, Sacramento, California.

God's help is always sure;

His methods seldom guessed;

Delay will make our pleasure pure,

Surprise will give it zest.

His wisdom is sublime;

His heart profoundly kind;

God never is before His time,

And never is behind.

The way to be angry and yet not sin, is to be angry, as Christ was, at nothing but sin.

## ON THE AIR

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L. R. KEYS, Pastor

KSAN, San Francisco —

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KWRC, Pendleton

KLBM, La Grande

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2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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Nelson E. Hinman, Pastor.

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Morgan, Pastor.

KHSL, Chico, 8:30 to 8:45 a.m., Tuesday

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Harold H. Pearson, Director

KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday

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Pastor C. E. Persing

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Hull Harmonizers

KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.

Sunday evening service, 9:15 to 9:50

Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary

Tabernacle.

KRE, Oakland, 1400 kc. 6:00-6:30 p.m., Sunday.

The Oakland Temple Church,

Winston Nelson, Pastor.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.

5:00 p.m. Sunday

Assembly of God program

Pastor E. L. Stewart, Sebastopol, Calif.

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Sunday, 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of

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KVCF, Redding, 6:00 6:30 p.m., Sunday

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Friday, 10 p.m.

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Pastor E. O. Robeck

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The Gospel Lighthouse Program.

The Assembly of God church, Merced.

J. E. Schmidt, pastor.

## Ten Reasons for Having a Family Altar

1. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

2. It will dissolve misunderstanding and relieve friction that may enter the home.

3. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal, and will determine their lasting welfare.

4. It will send us forth to our work for the day, in school, home, office, store and factory, true to do our best, and determined in what we do to glorify God.

5. It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointments and adversities as they come.

6. It will make us conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of a Divine Friend and Helper.

7. It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.

8. It will reinforce the influence and work of the church, the Sunday School and the agencies helping to establish and maintain the Christian ideal throughout the world.

9. It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and the Church.

10. It will honor our Father above, and express our gratitude for His Mercy and blessing.

**My Neighbor's Bible**  
I am my neighbour's Bible  
He reads me when we meet  
Today he reads me in my home—  
Tomorrow in the street.  
He may be relative or friend  
Or slight acquaintance be;  
He may not even know my name,  
Yet he is reading me.  
And pray, who is this neighbour  
Who reads me day by day  
To learn if I am living right  
And walking as I pray?  
O, He is with me always  
To criticize or blame;  
So worldly wise in his own eyes  
And "sinner" is his name.  
Dear Christian friends and brothers,  
If we could only know  
How faithfully the world records  
Just what we say and do;  
Oh, we would write our record plain,  
And come in time to see  
Our worldly neighbour won to Christ  
While reading you and me.  
—(*Revival Echoes*).

Voluntary slavery to sin is some people's idea of personal liberty.

The best way to get a lot of interest out of life is to have some principle.

## How to Help a Revival

If you have been living too far away from the altar, get nearer.

Whenever you think of a sinner, pray for his salvation.

Make short prayers in public and long ones in private.

Make your testimony brief, full of meaning and to the point.

Get in the spirit of prayer, and stay there, no matter what it costs.

Call on God for great things, believe that He is going to give them.

Hold on to God by faith instead of feeling. Feed on the promises and expect results in every meeting.

If you are on bad terms with any of your neighbors, get right with them before you can talk very loud in the meetings.

Make a list of the worst cases you know, beginning with yourself, and go to praying for them.

Don't find fault with anybody, and keep sweet no matter what happens.

—Selected.

When we stay our feeble efforts,  
And from struggling cease,  
Unconditional surrender  
Brings us God's own peace.

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